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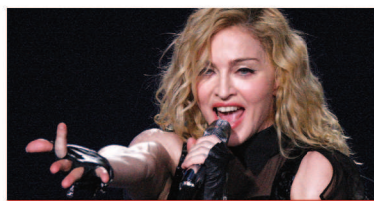


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Scott (@scottkleinberg): Ummm, because his first name is Wyclef!

Kim Dunbar (@kimberlydunbar): Because he's a "Perfect Gentleman."

Connie (@marathonmissfit): If this means getting "Ghetto Superstar" back on the radio, I'm all for it.



If Madonna gets a Las Vegas show, what should she call it?

Scott: "Borderline: The Feels Like I'm Going To Lose My Fans Tour"

Kim: "Don't Cry For Me, Las Vegas (I'm Still Making Bank)"

Connie: "I'll Sing Some Songs That Were on 'Glee'"



When is the last time you clicked the Facebook like button?

Scott: And that's an euphemism for what now?

Alysse Dalessandro (@alyssed): To like a story on the Wrigleyville blog, of course!

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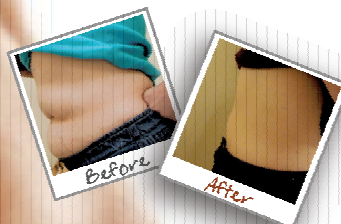
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Age and appliances

Age plays a big factor in which items people say they can't live without. Below is a breakdown of two age groups—18- to 29-year-olds and 65 and older—and what each group has to say about seven items.

» Graphic shows percentage of population rating each item as a necessity.

■ 18- to 29-year-olds

■ 65 and older

Landline

46%

77%

TV set

29%

53%

Cable service

11%

35%

Flat-screen TV

10%

17%

Cell phone

59%

29%

Home computer

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High-speed Internet

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SOURCE: PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S SOCIAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS PROJECT

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What people want

Cell phones? Still hot. TV sets? Not so much, according to new survey

Is your TV set a necessity? How about a landline phone?

Depends on whom you ask, according to a new survey from the nonpartisan Pew Research Center's Social and Demographic Trends project.

Only 42 percent of Americans say they consider TV a necessity, down from 52 percent last year and

64 percent in 2006. As for the landline: Sixty-two percent list it as a must-have, down from 68 percent last year.

Among 18- to 29-year-olds, fewer than half (46 percent) say landlines are essential. Fewer than one-third (29 percent) say they can't live without a TV. Meanwhile, cell phone use continues to rise:

Eighty-two percent of adults have one, according to Pew—up from 53 percent in 2000.

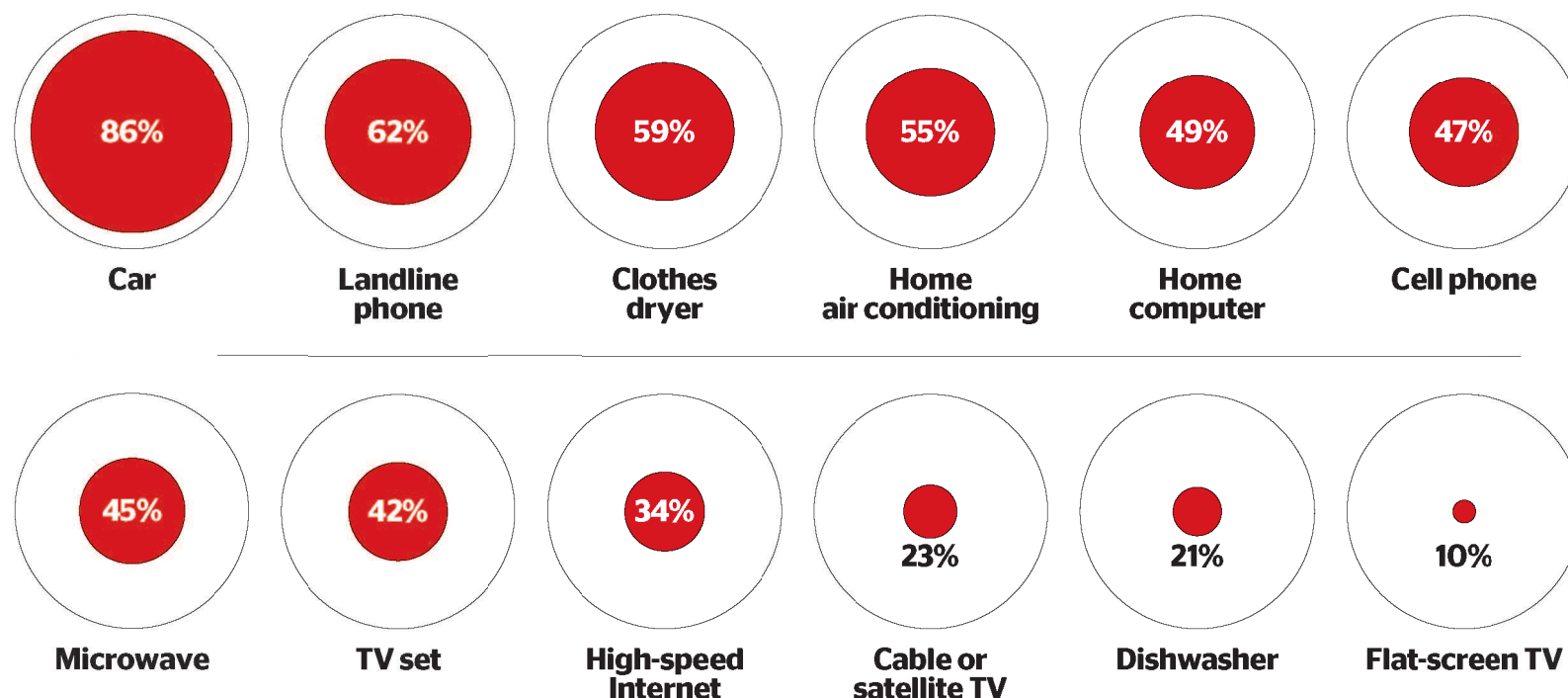
The survey, released last week, was conducted in May by cell and landline phone with 2,967 adults in the continental U.S. It has a 2 percent margin of error.

Here's a closer look at some of the stats. **REDEYE**

Do you really need that?

Fewer than half of Americans rank a TV set as a must-have item. A car, however, is a must for more than 80 percent of the population.

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Wilson stop is again Crust Station winner

When his parents came to visit last month, David Franken of Uptown said he wanted to “take them on a tour of the city to show them all that Chicago had to offer.”

But Franken said there was one spot he didn't want his parents to tour: the Wilson stop on the Red Line.

Franken, 30, said twice he walked extra blocks with his parents to the Red Line Sheridan stop to avoid the Wilson station.

“The sidewalks are nearly impassible at times, the ground covered with ... litter,” Franken wrote to Going Public. “Something really needs to be done about this station.”

For the second year in a row, the Wilson stop has won GP's Crust Station contest, which spotlights the grossest CTA station based on reader votes. More than a dozen riders e-mailed GP about the Wilson stop, describing it as filthy, smelly and inaccessible for people with disabilities. A few riders said it's a station you don't want to show to your mother.

Cindy Menches of Sheridan Park said like Franken, she too went out of her way to avoid the Wilson stop when her mother visited her in May. They walked an extra 15 minutes to the Montrose Brown Line stop, Menches said.

“Chicago is a terrific place, but it dawned on me shortly before her visit that we would need to use the Wilson station to access the Red Line to and from downtown,” Menches, 42, wrote to GP. “The aesthetics of the Wilson Station are downright dismal and embarrassing. There are no cute shops there, just worn out painted plywood storefronts.”

Retailers vacated the stores near the Wilson stop earlier this year as the CTA prepared to renovate the station house. The CTA board in February approved the use of \$3 million in tax increment financing, or TIF, money intended to promote redevelopment in certain areas in the city, to renovate the Wilson station house and adjacent retail concession spaces.

CTA spokeswoman Wanda Taylor said the agency is continuing to finalize the designs and funding details for the Wilson station. A timeline will be established for the work schedule once the City Council has approved the TIF funds, Taylor said.

A city spokesman told GP the ordinance is slated to be introduced at the next council meeting, which is scheduled for Sept. 8.

In the meantime, crabby CTA riders can bask in the glow of their win—er, loss.

“The Wilson ‘T’ stop is filthy—almost as if it's trying to out-filth all the other ‘T’ stops,” wrote Patrick Carlson, 42, of Wrigleyville. “It look[s] like they ran out of soap at the station about five years ago and decided to save money by cleaning with urine instead. The smell is just as bad as the sight.”



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Smartphones a hot item

Chicago Tribune

Just how widespread is the problem of cell phone theft? It's tough to answer. The Chicago Police Department tracks thefts amount, not by item, rather by amount, spokesman Roderick Drew said. He could not say whether such gadgets were seeing an uptick in theft because there isn't any specific data to use as a comparison.

"The prevalence of cell phone theft now is, not surprisingly, higher than it's ever been in history..."

—Arthur Lurigio, a professor of psychology and criminal justice at Loyola University Chicago

"District officers are conducting missions targeting this crime, something we've been doing all year," Drew said in an e-mailed statement. "The summer months bring larger crowds to the downtown area, so we will continue to monitor this situation and make adjustments accordingly."

Mobile devices have become the must-have item of the moment, said Arthur Lurigio, a professor of psychology and criminal justice at Loyola University Chicago. They are

small, lightweight and easy to steal, unlike a big-screen TV, he said.

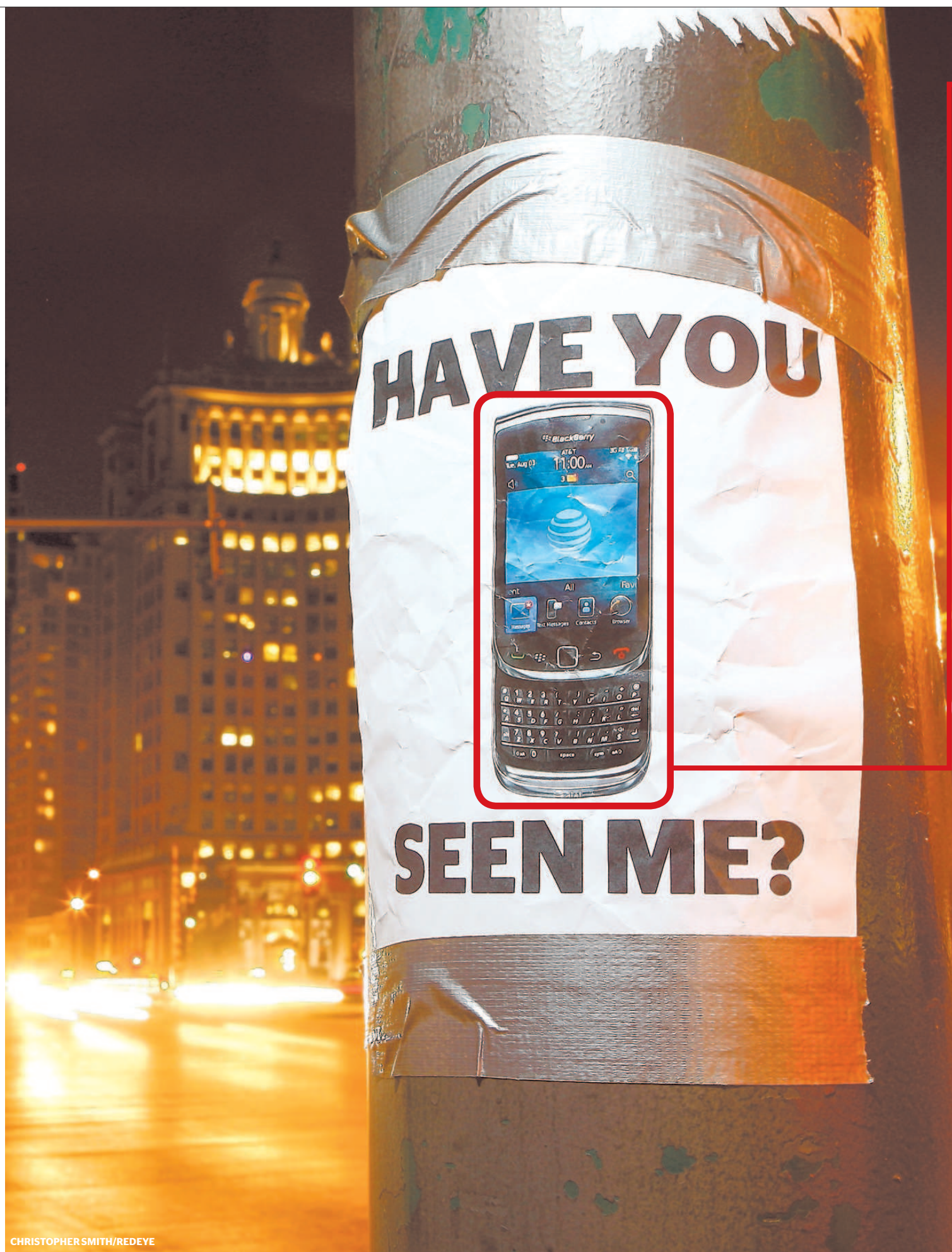
"The prevalence of cell phone theft now is, not surprisingly, higher than it's ever been in history because cell phones are more valuable than they've ever been," Lurigio said. They also are more expensive.

A cell phone isn't just a phone to make calls anymore. With so many features, it's much more than that.

The high-tech phones have symbolic value, Lurigio said. It's a cool gadget to have, thus making the person who owns it perceived as being cool. And there's an urgency to have that cool, impressive item. Remember Air Jordan shoes? Those once were targeted by thieves and had a certain cache attached to them.

Same thing happened with leather jackets and boom boxes, said Tod Burke, interim associate dean and criminal justice professor at Radford University in Virginia.

"It's whatever is popular at the time. It could be any electronic device," said Burke, a former police officer. "When a new device comes out and something else becomes marketable, that would be attractive to thieves."



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An inside look at what happens to that pricey smartphone after it's lost or stolen

By **Leonor Vivanco**

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It can happen in seconds.

Your smartphone has been snatched. Or maybe you lose it in a cab or at a bar. In either case, disbelief and panic hit home first. Then, a knot in your stomach takes over. That's the moment you realize your e-mail account, banking information and photos may be accessible to whomever is holding your phone. At the same time, you feel lost without your contacts and calendar at your fingertips.

Stories of smartphone theft—including on tourist-friendly Michigan Avenue—have made headlines in Chicago this summer, putting residents and commuters on heightened alert. Last month, Ald. Brendan Reilly (42nd) asked the city for increased patrols after four iPhone robberies in a week, according to news reports.

There is no data as to whether smartphone crimes are on the rise because the Chicago Police Department tracks thefts by value rather than type of item stolen. But anecdotally, it's a booming business that is certainly not unique to Chicago, according to Arthur Lurigio, a professor of psychology and criminal justice at Loyola University Chicago.

The number of thefts of cell phones reported to CTA Customer Service quadrupled to 24 for the period of January through July this year, compared to six for the same period in 2009. The figures are calls to the CTA and don't reflect on whether the thefts were reported to police.

So what happens to your phone after it's stolen or lost? Crime experts and mobile phone technicians say there's a lot that can happen—even, in some cases, if you deacti-

vate your service.

The thief or whomever finds your phone can keep it and use it for calls after reactivation. Or he could sell it to someone else, who can use it. Another option is to sell it to a middle man who can resell it on the black market, Lurigio said.

If certain precautions aren't taken quickly, identity theft can arise.

"For the most part, these are portable, pocket-size computers and people are keeping

personal information, including banking and medical information, their contact information, and all that could lead to identity theft," said Tod Burke, interim associate dean and criminal justice professor at Radford University in Virginia.

Lurigio estimates a stolen cell phone could be resold for \$50 to \$100, though he doesn't know for certain what the going rate is. The price depends in part on the what people are willing to pay and the demand for the item, he said. The more attractive and popular the item is, the higher the price it commands, he said.

In some cases, having a passcode-controlled lock on your phone's software isn't enough to protect your information. The user-set passcodes, which act like personal identification numbers to access phones, can be unlocked, allowing the person who holds your phone to reuse it.

While a passcode can provide an extra layer of security because it makes it more difficult to access the phone's information; a number of YouTube videos show how to unlock passcodes on phones.

In Chicago, storefront cell phone repair shops can wipe the phone clean of information and data even if there's a passcode on it for as little as \$20. Once wiped, a new user can personalize your phone and sync it up to his or her computer if he wants to load his or her own music.

That means someone who obtains a smartphone but doesn't know the passcode can eventually use it as his own. A phone without

a passcode can be used to make calls, access the Internet or text until service is cut off.

The shops' employees said there's no way to know whether a phone is stolen. But some shops won't deal with phones with locked passcodes because that can be an indication it was stolen. Still, the phone could have been bought from Craigslist or eBay, or it could be on loan from someone else, they said. The employees said they don't ask for proof of purchase.

The new user can stop at a neighborhood cell phone store and go through a process to activate the phone with a new carrier. By doing that, the new cell phone owner can make calls, send texts or surf the Internet.

While taking that route might cost as much as \$150, it's still less than signing up for a cell phone contract and buying a brand-new phone. Even if a person who has an ill-gotten phone doesn't pay for a new service carrier, some features of the phone still could be used, such as the camera or MP3 functions.

Before a lost phone becomes a personal problem, Chicago Police Department spokesman Roderick Drew said, people should be cautious and aware of their surroundings when using portable devices such as iPhones and iPods. He added that personal safety is the most important thing.

"[Smart phones] are popular to own, which makes them desirable to steal," Drew said. "Whether walking down the street or riding public transportation, you need to pay attention to what's around you."

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Make your phone (mostly) worthless to a thief

What steps should you take if your smartphone gets lost or stolen? Report the theft to police and immediately contact the wireless provider to suspend service, experts and carrier company reps said.

A number of apps can be downloaded to find lost phones or activate the remote wipe feature to clear the phone of all important personal information. Those tracking services have to be set up before the phone is lost or stolen. For example, Apple's MobileMe customers can use the Find My iPhone feature to find the phone on a map on a computer, send a message that will appear on the screen or play an audio alert.

The phone can be programmed by the user who set the passcode to erase data and disable itself after a certain number of incorrect attempts at the passcode.

Cell phone owners can get their smartphone blacklisted, which will stop the phone from



« Apple's Find My iPhone app available to MobileMe customers can be used to track a lost or stolen iPhone.

connecting to a network, said Sasha Sagan, managing editor for mobile at PC Mag. "If you get your phone blacklisted, then that phone will no longer work with the carrier no matter how hard that thief tries," he said.

To do that, contact the carrier, which has a unique identification number for every phone on its system. In advance, cell phone owners should keep track of the that number—called an IMEI number on AT&T and T-Mobile phones, or the ESN or MEID numbers with Sprint, Verizon and U.S. Cellular phones, he said.

Blacklisting only affects connectivity to one network, Sagan said. It does not make the hardware inoperable. The phone's other features, such as the camera, could still work if it is blacklisted.

Therefore, it's important to remotely wipe the phone before blacklisting it, Sagan said. The phone has to be connected to the network to have the data wiped. Even if the phone is blacklisted, the thief could still see your contacts, read old e-mails and look at pictures if it is not wiped, he said.

The new user could put in a new SIM card, but the phone won't work if the SIM connects to a blacklisted network, Sagan said.

What about insurance? "Insurance will get you a new phone but it won't get your data back. It won't get your pictures back and it won't prevent a thief from using your old phone," Sagan said. **LEONOR VIVANCO, REDEYE**



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Bob, a volunteer alligator wrangler, heads down the bank of the Chicago River north of Belmont Avenue toward his canoe to search for an alligator Monday. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/ TRIBUNE**



RIGHT: A 3- to 5-foot alligator sits along the bank of the North Branch of the Chicago River on Sunday just north of Belmont Avenue. **WGN-TV**

Alligator Bob hopes to trap river visitor

Chicago Tribune

Bob the alligator wrangler tied a black string around a raw chicken drumstick and stuck it inside a trap.

He set five traps Monday, then carried them in his canoe as he paddled into the murky waters of the North Branch of the Chicago River.

For the second time in a month, a gator hunt was under way in Chicago.

Along the river north of Belmont Avenue, a small crowd watched Bob throughout the day—kids were even selling lemonade—and he grumbled about the difficulty of trapping an alligator with lots of people around.

Bob, also known as “Alligator Bob,” has volunteered with the Chicago Herpetological Society

for about 20 years and has rescued more than 70 alligators from Illinois and Wisconsin waterways, he said.

That gives him a celebrity status he doesn’t want, which is why he doesn’t give out his last name. The last time he did, Bob said, he got calls from people all over the country asking him to take in their animals.

“I am just a volunteer,” he said.

It was the second time this month Bob had been called out to the same spot. On Aug. 6, he rescued a 2 1/2-foot-long alligator he believes was once a pet, just like the one he tried to catch Monday. This time, officials called him after a family spotted a 3- to 5-foot gator basking in the sun along the riverbank as they took a boat ride Sunday.



“If I don’t get it, the animal is going to die,” Bob said, adding that alligators won’t survive Chicago winters.

Hoping to be there when he caught it, a small audience gathered Monday on the river’s west side walkway. It has become a sort of summer ritual for Bob as owners release their pet alligators to the river when they get too big, about 2 to 3 feet long.

“This one probably bit the owner,” he said.

Bob said that after he catches the alligators, they spend about three months in isolation to make sure they don’t have any diseases. He then contacts organizations in Florida that are willing to take in the cold-blooded crocodilians.

“Why kill the poor thing? It is a living animal,” he said.

First ladies to attend 9/11 memorial

In their first joint appearance since the inauguration, first lady Michelle Obama and former first lady Laura Bush will appear together at a Sept. 11 commemoration in Shanksville, Pa., it was announced Monday.

Quinn’s chief of staff resigns

Gov. Pat Quinn’s chief of staff, Jerry Stermer, has resigned following disclosures that he used his taxpayer-funded e-mail account to communicate with the governor’s political consultant. His resignation Sunday was effective immediately.

‘Transformers’ to force more street closings

Several streets downtown will be closed, and a dozen bus routes will be detoured this week while filming continues on “Transformers 3.” For detailed information, visit chicagobreakingnews.com and search “Transformers.”

Man accused of robbing Wicker Park bank

A 51-year-old man is accused of robbing a bank Friday in Wicker Park, the FBI said Monday. Martin Crennan of Chicago was charged in a federal criminal complaint in the robbery of a North Community Bank branch.

Officer stops man from jumping into lake

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- Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:15
- The Expendables (R) 11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20
- The Other Guys (PG-13) 11:15, 1:40, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10
- Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13) 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40
- Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13) 4:30 P.M.
- Salt (PG-13) 11:10, 1:50, 7:10, 9:45
- Inception (PG-13) 11:20, 2:45, 6:15, 9:30

LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)

2828 North Clark St., Chicago
(773) 509-4949

- Get Low (PG-13) 1:40, 4:15, 7:10, 9:55
- Cairo Time (PG) 1:55, 4:20, 7:40, 9:50
- Mao's Last Dancer (PG) 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00
- Animal Kingdom (R) 2:00, 4:40, 7:25, 10:05
- The Extra Man (R) 4:45, 10:15
- I Am Love (R) 1:35, 7:30
- Winter's Bone (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40
- The Kids Are All Right (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 10:10

CITY NORTH 14 (REGAL)

2600 N. Western Ave.
(800) 326-3264 #1642

- The Last Exorcism (PG-13) Advance Tickets Available
- RiffTrax Encore: Reefer Madness (NR) 7:30
- Piranha 3D (R) 11:20, 1:40, 4:00, 6:20, 8:40, 11:00
- Step Up 3D (PG-13) 7:50, 10:25
- Lottery Ticket (PG-13) 11:30, 12:50, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00, 6:00, 7:40, 8:30, 10:20, 10:50
- Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) 1:00, 3:50, 6:40, 9:15
- Vampires Suck (PG-13) 12:10, 12:40, 2:15, 2:55, 4:40, 5:10, 6:50, 7:30, 9:00, 9:45
- Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 10:00
- Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13) 12:20, 3:20
- Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 1:10, 4:20, 7:20, 10:40
- The Expendables (R) 12:00, 2:40, 3:45, 5:20, 8:00, 8:50, 10:45
- The Other Guys (PG-13) 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 10:10
- Salt (PG-13) 1:20, 6:10
- Inception (PG-13) 11:50, 3:40, 7:10, 10:30

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
(773) 784-0893

- Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
- The Expendables (R) 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45
- The Kids Are All Right (R) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00
- Inception (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)

322 E. Illinois Street, Chicago
(888) AMC-4FUN
Show times change daily

- Piranha 3D (R) 11:45, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
- Lottery Ticket (PG-13) 10:30, 11:30, 1:05, 2:05, 3:25, 4:25, 5:45, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 10:35
- Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) 11:00, 1:30, 4:10, 6:55, 9:50
- Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 11:55, 3:15, 6:30, 9:45
- Vampires Suck (PG-13) 10:50, 1:00, 3:05, 5:15, 7:20, 9:35
- The Expendables (R) 11:15, 12:15, 1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:15, 7:05, 8:05, 9:40, 10:30
- Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13) 10:40, 1:10, 3:45, 6:35, 9:15
- The Other Guys (PG-13) 11:05, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:55
- Step Up 3 (PG-13) 11:50, 2:20, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15
- Salt (PG-13) 10:45, 1:20, 3:55, 6:45, 9:25
- Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (PG) 11:20, 1:40, 3:50, 5:55, 8:10, 10:20
- Despicable Me (PG) 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:25, 7:50, 10:05

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER

164 State Street
(312) 846-2800

- Only When I Dance (NR) 6:15 P.M.
- Pulp Fiction (R) 6:30 P.M.
- Behind the Burly Q (NR) 8:00 P.M.

LOGAN THEATRE

2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
(773) 252-0628

- Salt (PG-13) 2:05, 4:15, 6:20, 8:30
- The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG) 2:10, 4:20, 6:30, 8:40
- Despicable Me (PG) 2:10, 4:10, 6:10, 8:10
- Toy Story 3 (G) 2:00, 4:05, 6:10, 8:20

MUSIC BOX

3733 N. Southport, Chicago
(773) 871-6604

- The Duel (NR) 5:45, 7:45, 9:45
- The Girl Who Played With Fire (R) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)

1608 N. Wells, Chicago
(888) AMC-4FUN
Show times change daily

- AMC Independent Peep! Live (NR) 3:30, 6:30
- AMC Independent L'Affaire Farewell (NR) 2:15, 4:55, 7:30
- AMC Independent The Concert (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15
- AMC Independent Cyrus (R) 4:45 P.M.
- AMC Independent Coco Chanel & Igor Stravinsky (R) 2:05, 7:00

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)

322 E. Illinois Street, Chicago
(888) AMC-4FUN
Show times change daily

- Piranha 3D (R) 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:10, 7:30, 9:55
- Lottery Ticket (PG-13) 10:30, 11:30, 1:15, 2:15, 3:50, 4:50, 6:40, 7:40, 9:15, 10:20
- The Switch (PG-13) 10:40, 1:20, 4:00, 6:45, 9:05
- Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) 10:10, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
- Vampires Suck (PG-13) 10:00, 12:10, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
- Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 10:00, 11:00, 1:15, 2:15, 4:30, 5:30, 8:00, 9:00
- The Expendables (R) 11:20, 12:20, 2:10, 3:55, 4:30, 5:00, 7:20, 8:20, 9:40, 10:15
- The Other Guys (PG-13) 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30
- Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13) 10:25, 11:25, 1:15, 2:20, 5:15, 6:40, 8:05, 9:45, 10:45
- Step Up 3D (PG-13) 10:50, 1:40, 4:35, 7:35, 10:35
- Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13) 10:45, 1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 10:10
- Middle Men (R) 10:05, 12:50, 3:40, 6:25, 9:10
- AMC Independent Get Low (PG-13) 10:35, 1:10, 3:45, 6:20, 9:05
- Salt (PG-13) 11:05, 1:35, 4:15, 6:55, 9:30
- AMC Independent The Kids Are All Right (R) 10:55, 1:45, 4:20, 7:05
- Inception (PG-13) 10:05, 1:30, 9:30
- Despicable Me 3D (PG) 11:10, 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 9:35

SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC)

7000 Carpenter Rd., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #2309

- Piranha 3D (R) 10:30, 12:40, 2:55, 5:25, 7:45, 10:10
- Lottery Ticket (PG-13) 11:55, 2:25, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
- The Switch (PG-13) 10:15, 12:35, 3:05, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
- Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) 10:50, 1:45, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40
- Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 10:05, 10:55, 1:10, 2:00, 4:10, 5:00, 7:20, 8:10, 10:25
- Vampires Suck (PG-13) 11:25, 1:35, 3:50, 6:20, 8:30, 10:40
- The Expendables (R) 11:30, 12:15, 1:55, 2:45, 4:25, 5:15, 6:10, 7:00, 7:50, 8:40, 9:30, 10:20
- Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13) 11:35, 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50
- The Other Guys (PG-13) 10:20, 12:50, 3:20, 5:50, 8:20, 11:00
- Step Up 3D (PG-13) 10:00, 12:30, 3:10, 5:40, 8:15, 10:55
- Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13) 10:40, 1:15, 4:00, 6:40, 9:20
- Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (PG) 11:45, 2:15, 4:35, 6:45, 8:55
- Inception (PG-13) 10:10, 1:20, 4:30, 7:40, 10:50
- Salt (PG-13) 11:15, 1:50, 4:15, 6:50, 9:10
- Toy Story 3 (G) 10:25, 1:00, 3:40
- Despicable Me (PG) 11:05, 1:30, 4:05, 6:30, 8:50

WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641

- The Last Exorcism (PG-13) Advance Tickets Available
- Piranha 3D (R) 12:40, 3:10, 5:20, 7:40, 9:50
- The Switch (PG-13) 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10
- Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:15, 9:15, 10:00
- The Expendables (R) 12:20, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 10:40
- Inception (PG-13) 12:10, 3:30, 6:50, 10:05
- Salt (PG-13) 1:50, 7:15
- Vampires Suck (PG-13) 11:10, 1:20, 3:40, 5:50, 8:20, 10:30
- Lottery Ticket (PG-13) 10:30, 12:50, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:30
- Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13) 11:15, 4:30, 9:45
- Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13) 11:30, 2:10, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
- The Other Guys (PG-13) 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40
- RiffTrax Encore: Reefer Madness (NR) 7:30

SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1646

- Piranha 3D (R) 1:00, 3:30, 5:55, 8:20, 10:45
- Lottery Ticket (PG-13) 12:30, 1:30, 3:00, 4:05, 5:30, 6:30, 8:00, 9:00, 10:30
- The Switch (PG-13) 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55
- Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) 1:15, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35
- Vampires Suck (PG-13) 1:55, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15
- Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 1:50, 5:00, 8:30
- The Expendables (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:15, 10:00
- The Other Guys (PG-13) 1:40, 4:25, 7:05, 9:40
- Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13) 1:35, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50
- Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (PG) 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 8:05, 10:15
- Step Up 3 (PG-13) 12:45, 3:25, 6:15, 9:20
- Despicable Me (PG) 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45
- Salt (PG-13) 12:50, 3:20, 5:50, 8:25, 10:50

SHOWPLACE CICERO 14 (AMC)

4779 W. Cermak, Cicero
(800) 326-3264 #1644

- Piranha 3D (R) 11:10, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:25
- Lottery Ticket (PG-13) 10:45, 11:45, 1:15, 2:15, 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00
- The Switch (PG-13) 11:35, 2:05, 4:35, 7:10, 9:35
- Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) 11:05, 1:50, 4:45, 7:15, 10:10
- Vampires Suck (PG-13) 10:50, 12:55, 3:05, 5:15, 7:20, 9:30
- Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 11:40, 2:50, 6:10, 9:20
- The Expendables (R) 10:45, 12:15, 1:20, 2:45, 4:05, 5:10, 6:35, 7:45, 9:05, 10:15
- The Other Guys (PG-13) 11:55, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:05
- Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13) 11:30, 1:55, 4:30, 7:05, 9:40
- Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (PG) 2:35 P.M.
- Step Up 3D (PG-13) 11:15, 2:00, 4:25, 7:25, 9:50
- Despicable Me (PG) 11:20, 1:45, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10
- Salt (PG-13) 11:50, 4:55, 7:35, 9:55

SHOWPLACE ICON AT ROOSEVELT COLLECTION

Clark & Roosevelt, South Loop, Chicago
(312) 564-2104

- Piranha 3D (R) 2:20, 5:00, 7:50, 10:20
- Lottery Ticket (PG-13) 1:40, 4:10, 6:50, 9:20
- Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) 1:10, 4:00, 6:45, 9:45
- The Switch (PG-13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
- Vampires Suck (PG-13) 12:45, 3:15, 6:15, 8:30, 10:50
- Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 12:40, 3:00, 3:50, 6:30, 7:00, 9:40, 10:10
- The Expendables (R) 2:00, 4:50, 7:20, 10:00
- Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13) 2:30, 5:10, 8:10, 10:45
- Step Up 3D (PG-13) 9:55 P.M.
- The Other Guys (PG-13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:40, 10:15
- Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13) 12:50, 3:40, 6:40, 9:15
- Salt (PG-13) 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 9:30
- Inception (PG-13) 3:30, 7:15, 9:00, 10:30
- Despicable Me 3D (PG) 1:15, 3:45, 6:20
- Toy Story 3 (G) 2:10, 4:40, 7:30
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 2:50, 6:10, 10:40

VIP Premium 21+

- Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 12:40, 3:50, 7:00, 10:10
- Salt (PG-13) VIP Premium 21+ 9:30 P.M.
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) VIP Premium 21+ 2:50, 6:10

OAK PARK LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)

1022 Lake Street, Oak Park
(630) 444-FILM #560

- Piranha 3D (R) 1:25, 3:30, 5:35, 7:40, 9:45
- Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40
- The Switch (PG-13) 12:15, 2:35, 4:55, 7:15, 9:35
- Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
- The Expendables (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
- Inception (PG-13) 12:25, 3:35, 6:45, 9:55
- Despicable Me 3D (PG) 12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 6:30, 8:40

EVANSTON

CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)

1715 Maple Ave., Evanston
(847) 492-0123

- Animal Kingdom (R) 1:25, 4:10, 6:55, 9:35
- Despicable Me (PG) 1:40, 4:00
- Lottery Ticket (PG-13) 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 7:55, 10:20
- Mao's Last Dancer (PG) 1:25, 4:40, 7:10, 9:55
- Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) 11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30
- Piranha 3D (R) 11:20, 1:35, 3:55, 6:15, 8:35, 10:55
- The Expendables (R) 12:50, 3:25, 6:00, 8:35
- The Switch (PG-13) 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30
- Vampires Suck (PG-13) 11:20, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45
- Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13) 11:35 A.M.
- Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 11:40, 1:10, 2:55, 4:20, 6:05, 7:30, 9:15, 10:35
- Get Low (PG-13) 11:40, 2:20, 5:00, 7:35, 10:05
- Inception (PG-13) 11:45, 3:05
- Salt (PG-13) 6:20, 8:45
- Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13) 12:05, 2:50, 5:35, 7:05, 8:20, 10:00
- Step Up 3D (PG-13) 12:00, 2:35, 5:10
- The Expendables (R) 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50
- The Kids Are All Right (R) 11:25, 1:55, 4:35, 7:10, 9:40
- The Other Guys (PG-13) 11:55, 2:25, 5:05, 7:45

Chicago teen dies in N.Y. fall

Chicago Tribune

Abraham Mendoza tagged along when he and some friends went to a theater company in West Town four years ago.

His friends were interested in writing and acting at Free Street Theater, not him. But he was the one who got hooked.

"His friends decided to leave. But Abe decided to stay," said Mica Cole, the company's managing director. "And he stayed for four years."

Mendoza, 19 and a student at Bard College in upstate New York, was hiking with friends Friday when he climbed alone to the top of a waterfall, lost his footing and fell to his death.

Police said he was found at the base of Kaaterskill Falls near Hunter, N.Y. At 260 feet, the falls are the highest in the state of New York.

Mendoza was remembered Monday for his wit, intelligence and writing talent. He had been attending Bard on a scholarship and was majoring in photography and chemistry, according to those who knew him. He loved the theater, friends said, because it allowed him to combine disparate interests.

Mendoza was a 2009 graduate of Lane Tech High School and lived with his father and younger brother on the Northwest Side. Susano Mendoza said Monday that he was waiting for his son's body to be returned from New York.

"You are what you eat: so eat hopes, eat dreams and lives," Mendoza wrote on a wall at Free Street before he left for college. "Devour raw energy. Consume the universe." **AP CONTRIBUTED.**

Blagojevich retrial details

Last week, the judge in the Rod Blagojevich case said he was eyeing January for a second trial and suggested he would appoint two attorneys for Blagojevich at taxpayer expense, according to sources familiar with the matter.

Police-involved shooting

Three Chicago police officers were struck by a vehicle during a chase Monday in Washington Heights that resulted in police shooting to death one suspect and wounding his passenger, police said.

Asian carp case heats up

In a three-hour hearing Monday in federal court in Chicago, attorneys from five Great Lakes states laid out the broad strokes of a complex legal argument to close Chicago-area shipping locks to stop Asian carp before they reach Lake Michigan.

Parts of Eisenhower to reopen

Some sections of the Interstate 290 Extension are scheduled to reopen later this week as the Eisenhower Expressway resurfacing project reaches its midpoint, transportation officials said Monday. **TRIBUNE**



LaWanda Sterling stands in the alley where her son Jeremiah was killed after returning home from Denver. **CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE**

Some parents send kids away to avoid violence

Chicago Tribune

In West Pullman, Jeremiah Sterling dodged bullets, saw a classmate beaten to death and got into the occasional scuffle.

So the 16 year-old left the city in December and went to live with an adult brother in Denver, seeking the peace that seemed to elude him in Chicago.

For about six months, he found safety. Sterling, who was surprised that his brother could leave his front door unlocked at night, joined the choir at his new school and got his first part-time job.

But in the end, Sterling couldn't escape the violence of Chicago.

On July 15, while home for the summer to be with his mother, LaWanda, he was shot to death in an alley in the 11500 block of South May Street, about a block from his mother's home.

"It was very difficult for me to comprehend," LaWanda Sterling said. "I sent him to Colorado, and he had only been home for 10 days."

The practice of families sending their

THE TIPPING POINT

It was the killing of Fenger High School classmate Derrion Albert that convinced Jeremiah Sterling he had to leave Chicago, his mother said.

"When [Derrion Albert] got killed, that was it for Jeremiah," said his mother, referring to the Fenger student who was beaten to death next to the Agape Community Center in Roseland on Sept. 24 as teens looked on. The videotaped beating made international headlines and scarred the city's reputation.

children to live with relatives far away from city violence is relatively common, said Dexter Voisin, an associate professor at the University of Chicago. And, like Sterling, some of these children have died on trips back to the city.

"Anecdotal, it appears to be successful for a period of time," Voisin said. "[But] when the kid comes back to the same neighborhood, they are faced with the same history that they ran from."

Not two weeks after Sterling's death, a 14-year-old boy visiting relatives was shot while riding a bicycle in Roseland. He suffered a pierced lung and broken ribs. The boy's relatives said the teen and his mother moved from Chicago to Springfield in order to be safe.

And in 2008, James Bush, 18, who relatives said ran with a bad crowd in Morgan Park, was set to take a one-way flight to Seattle so he could live with his brother. The teen died after being shot in the chest the night before he was to depart.

The Sterling household debated whether Jeremiah would join his brother in Denver since his freshman year in his school, his mother said.

Sterling and his friends commonly were in the crossfire of gangs, said a longtime friend of Sterling's. Such confrontations often go unreported unless someone gets hurt, said the friend who did not want his name published out of fear of retaliation.

"We're right in the middle of a war," said the friend, 16.



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Joy Wagner, RN, BSN, FitMS - Fitness
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Woods' divorce final

6 MIAMI The world's No. 1 golfer, Tiger Woods, and his Swedish wife, Elin Nordegren, divorced Monday following the torrid sex scandal that engulfed Woods late last year.

Woods, reputed to be the world's wealthiest sports star, and Nordegren, a former model and nanny, issued a statement confirming the divorce, which had been widely anticipated for months after his public confession of infidelity in a blaze of publicity.

The couple were at the Bay County Circuit Court in Florida when their marriage was dissolved.

"The marriage between the parties is irretrievably broken," read a court document published by TMZ.

WHO GETS WHAT?

A joint statement by Tiger Woods and Elin Nordegren through their lawyers made no mention of any monetary settlement, and the attorneys declined to comment on the existence of any such settlement. The statement said the divorce judgment provided for shared custody of their two young children and asked for privacy for the family.

"We are sad that our marriage is over and we wish each other the very best for the future," said the joint statement, which also was posted on Woods' website, tigerwoods.com.

Woods, who has won 14 major champi-

onships, returned to the game in April after losing up to \$35 million in sponsorship revenue as his private life unraveled over allegations that surfaced in late November and December about affairs between him and several women.

The revelations surfaced after a bizarre middle-of-the-night car accident at the couple's luxury Florida home where Woods crashed into a tree and a fire hydrant.

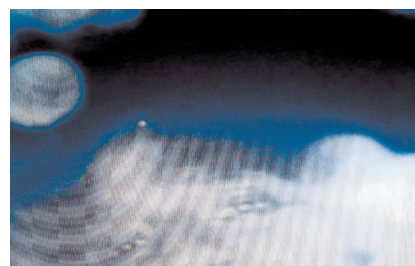
Nordegren told police she smashed the car's back window with a golf club to get him out.

In February, he apologized publicly for cheating on his wife and underwent therapy. "I was unfaithful, I had affairs, I cheated," Woods said at the time.



A walk in Kabul

7 An Afghan woman walks along a reinforced military barrier Monday in Kabul. GETTY IMAGES



A computer screen shows an image of one of the 33 miners trapped. REUTERS

1 Miners get supplies

Chilean miners who survived 18 days after a cave-in received hydration gel and medication through a narrow drill hole Monday, but officials said it could be months before the men are freed.

Hurricane brewing

Hurricane Danielle, the second of the 2010 Atlantic season, developed in the Atlantic on Monday and may become a major storm by Wednesday, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said.

2 Stem cell funding halted

A U.S. district court issued a preliminary injunction Monday stopping federal funding of human embryonic stem cell research, a slap to the Obama administration's new guidelines on the sensitive issue. The court ruled in favor of a suit filed in June by researchers who said human embryonic stem cell research involved the destruction of human embryos.

3 SeaWorld fined \$75K

SeaWorld was fined \$75,000 on Monday by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration for three safety violations, including one classified as willful, after one of its animal trainers was killed in February in Orlando. SeaWorld denied what it called "unfounded" allegations by OSHA and said it would contest the citations.

4 Bridge settlement reached

A \$52.4 million settlement has been reached between victims of a 2007 bridge collapse in Minneapolis and the engineering firm responsible for the bridge's inspection, the victims' attorneys said Monday. Thirteen people were killed in the collapse, which occurred at rush hour.

5 8 hostages, captor dead

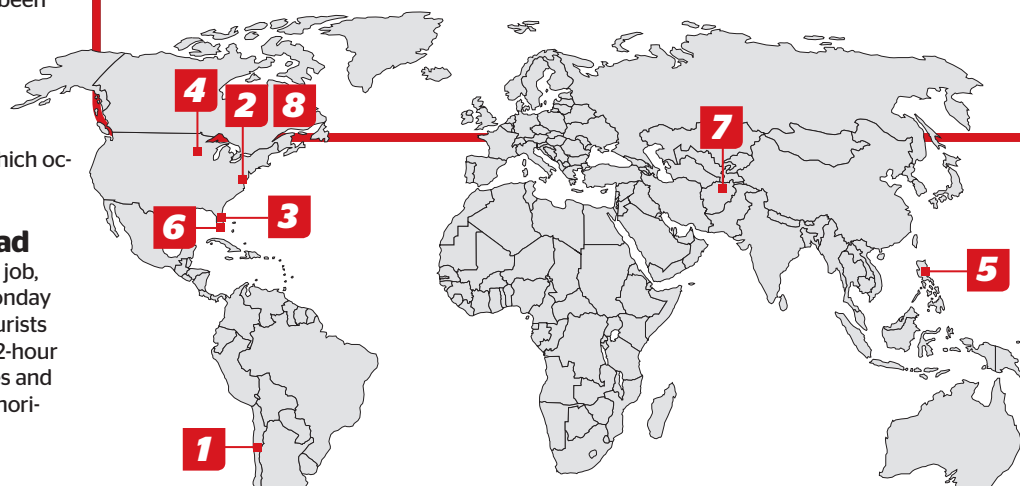
In a desperate act to regain his job, a disgruntled ex-police officer on Monday hijacked a busload of Hong Kong tourists in Manila, Philippines, prompting a 12-hour drama that ended with eight captives and the alleged suspect being killed, authorities said.

FDA warns egg recalls might not be over

8 WASHINGTON Forget eating your eggs over easy. At least for now.

That's the advice of the government's top food-safety regulator after the nationwide recall of more than half a billion eggs tied to an outbreak of salmonella poisoning.

Margaret Hamburg, commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, said Monday the agency continues to investigate the source of the contamination and could issue additional recalls. Consumers should take extra safety precautions, such as cooking the eggs thoroughly and washing hands before and after handling eggs, she said.



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Sosa strikes again

In rare interview, former slugger says Cubs made people 'believe I'm a monster'

RedEye

Sammy Sosa's split with the Cubs in 2004 is the stuff of legend. He leaves the ballpark during a game. He tells a reporter he stayed the whole game. The Cubs say they caught Sosa on a security camera leaving early. Drama. Things haven't gotten any better between the sides since then. In the September issue of Chicago magazine, Sosa fuels the feud. He takes shots at the Cubs, addresses his alleged positive steroids test and talks about his jersey number needing to be retired.

Sammy on ...

... his departure from the Cubs.

"[The Cubs] threw me into the fire. They made [people] believe I'm a monster."

... his legacy.

"My numbers don't lie. Everything that I did was so big—my career was so good—that even if people want to scratch it from the board, it's not going to happen. Those numbers are going to stay there forever."

... his alleged positive steroids test.

"I don't want to talk about that. Let's talk about something else."

... being unappreciated by the Cubs.

"They put me out there like I was a bad guy when all I did all my whole life was play hard and give everything I had for the organization and for the people of Chicago."

... the Cubs not retiring his No. 21 jersey.

"That number should be untouchable because of the things that I did for that organization. That right there shows me that they don't care about me, and they don't want to have a good relationship with me."

... on reconnecting with the Cubs organization.

"My door is always going to be open."

In the year 2032: Hall and goats?

The following conversation takes place in 2032 between my son, Toews, age 12, and me in Cooperstown, N.Y.



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"Dad, how come we came out here to the middle of nowhere?" Toews asks.

"This is the Baseball Hall of Fame. Home to the greatest players in history," I say.

"But dad, no one has been elected here since Facebook was still around!"

"Well, no one could be sure who was using steroids or not. It's complicated."

"Dad, everyone was using them. What's the big deal?"

"If all your friends crashed their flying cars into a mountain, would you?"

"Daaaaad! Don't tell me that again! Besides, shouldn't the best players in an era be judged against their peers?"

"Well, yes ... where did you learn to talk like that, Toews?"

"We downloaded those vocab words to our iBrains in school this year. Anyway, didn't you say Barry Bonds was the best hitter you ever saw? And Roger Clemens the best pitcher? And Alex Rodriguez the best all-around player? And Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa's homers the most incredible thing you saw in sports?"

"Uh, yes."

"But Dad, none of them are here. So how can this really be a Hall of Fame? Look, I know you are a world-famous writer and Newsweek said you were 'like Shakespeare but way better at writing,' but why can't you guys just shut up about the Hall? Didn't you say you remembered watching those guys play and loved it?"

"Yeah."

"I'll never forget when you took me to my first game and Duke Fielder hit two homers. Baseball isn't about awards. It's about memories like that. Isn't the Hall of Fame just a meaningless individual honor that goes against the entire spirit of the game?"

"You know what? You're right, Toews. Your mom, Emma Watson, and I raised you to be a very bright kid. Let's go home, maybe we can stop at White Castle Park in Boston."

"Dad, one more thing. Do you think Brett Favre is really going to retire this year?"

"Oh, Toews. You know the answer to that."

SCOTT BOLOHAN IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

CUBS 9, NATIONALS 1

WASHINGTON It didn't take Mike Quade long to try something new. In his first game as Cubs manager, Quade dropped Alfonso Soriano to the No. 7 hole in the lineup. Quade also inserted Blake DeWitt into the lead-off spot for his first time as a Cub.

» Former Cub outfielder Bob Dernier, the club's roving minor league outfield and base-running coach, has been brought up to serve as Quade's first base coach the rest of the season. Ivan DeJesus moves from first to third base.

five on five

Blankety-blank!

You can fill in our blank and appear on this panel in a future RedEye by signing up here: redeyechicago.com/5on5.



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1 A new series, a new ____ for the White Sox.	I think "blank" is the perfect answer.	... reason to binge drink dream that Bobby Jenks will shave 33 percent chance at a win series of extra-inning losses ...
2 What's the most worrisome part of the Sox's recent struggles?	The lack of hitting. Or biting. Or kicking. What gives, Ozzie?	Eventually, the failing will stop and I'll have to think about my Cubs.	That they'll turn it around and I'll have to keep watching those "It's Black and White" ads into October.	Don't you mean the most worrisome part of the Sox's constant struggles?	Mostly concerned with the part where the Orioles and Royals have scored more runs than the Sox.
3 What will Mike Quade learn about the Cubs as he manages them?	Looking at their payroll, he'll realize you can make a sow's ear out of a silk purse.	Hopefully with all the new faces, their names.	They may look harmless, but if they can reduce Lou Piniella to tears, they'll crush Mike Quade like a bug.	That winning is not an option.	He was a third-base coach on a team that had Ryan Theriot. I think he knows all he needs to.
4 What might have been Lou Piniella's parting advice to the Cubs?	"If you see a light at the end of the tunnel, you may be having a prostate exam. What? I'm 66."	He pulled a Cartman: "Screw you guys, I'm going home."	"Smell ya later."	"Don't call me; I'll call you."	"63 is an age to retire, not to begin managing the longest championship drought in major sports."
5 What's your impression of the Bears so far?	If ever there was a cue for the "Police Academy" guy to make machine gun sounds ...	Patrick Mannelly was our secret MVP all along.	Uuuurrrrrhhhhhhh. (Krusty the Clown noise.)	They lost to the Raiders. I don't want to have an impression yet.	They seem to play very well against themselves. Or very poorly. One never can tell.

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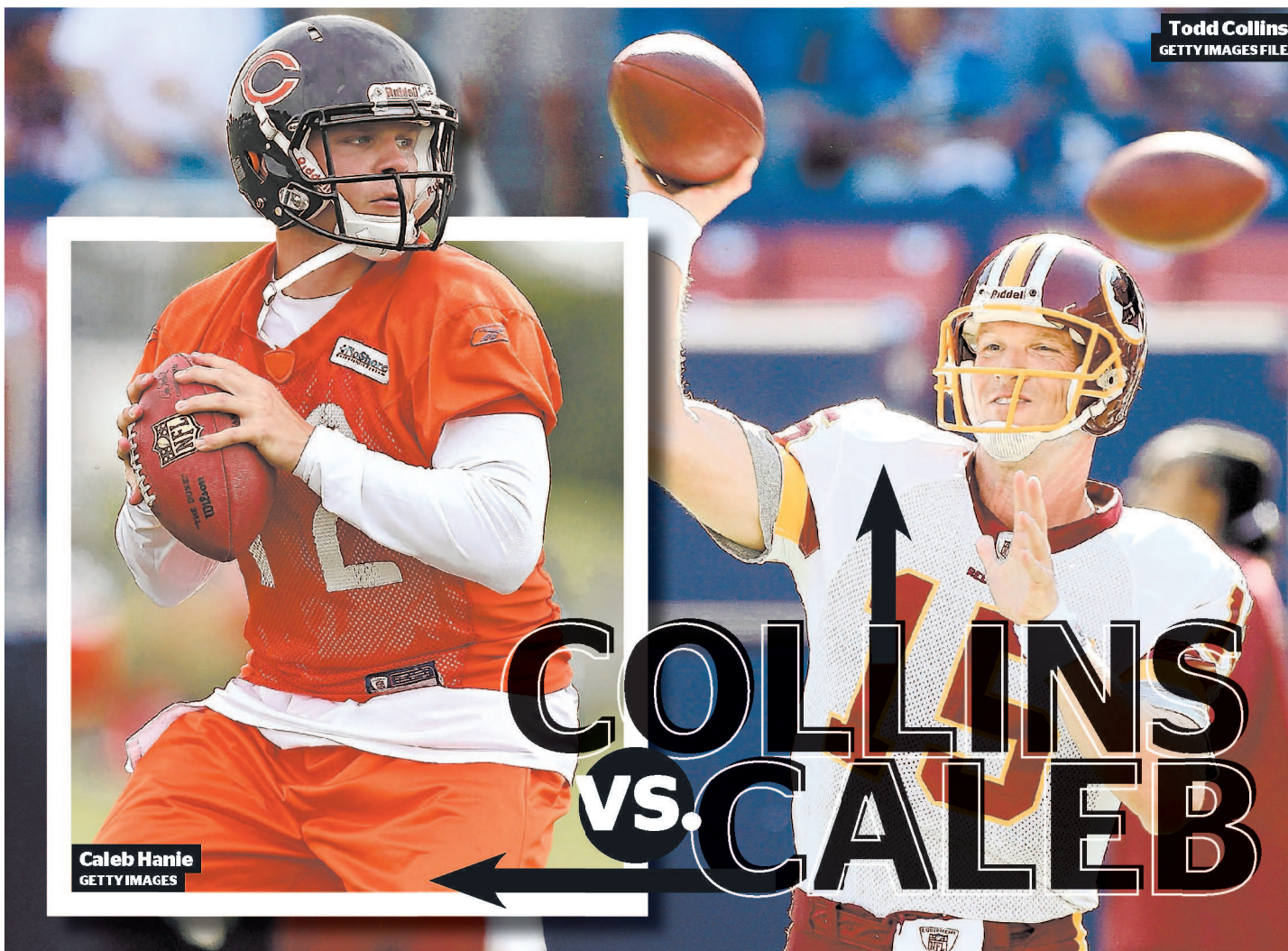
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Enough for him to sign a one-year contract without fearing he'll be used as a camp arm and sent packing before the season begins.

It's believed Collins receiving a signing bonus in the six digits and if he makes the team he will earn more than \$1 million this season.

Asked how quickly he can pick up offensive

URLACHER SITS OUT

Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher did not practice Monday as he continues to recover from a left calf strain suffered against Oakland on Saturday night. Urlacher would not put a timetable on his return. Meanwhile, rookie safety Major Wright was back on the practice field in a red jersey, a week after undergoing finger surgery.

coordinator Mike Martz's offense, Collins told the Tribune, "Quicker than somebody that would have no experience. It's a hard offense to learn, especially for a young guy, and I

probably have seven years in it. It's not exactly the same, but I feel pretty good."

Caleb Hanie said after he was injured in the preseason opener at San Diego that he didn't believe it would put his role as the No. 2 quarterback in jeopardy.

Now Collins is in the mix. But Hanie didn't seem fazed by the signing.

"It is what it is. They obviously did what they need to do, or what they feel they need to do," Hanie said.

"I plan to [be the No. 2 quarterback]," Collins said. "I'm out there to compete. I'm not gonna just sell myself short. I've been the No. 2 guy for a long time."



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» Calling it his dream job and holding back tears, Howard Moore laid out his plans to reignite Illinois-Chicago basketball as he was officially introduced as the head coach. "It means a lot to me to come home," Moore said Monday at the UIC Pavilion.

» Cristobal Huet's time with the Blackhawks appears to be nearing an end. The veteran goaltender is in discussions with Fribourg-Gotteron of the Swiss League, but "nothing is 100 percent yet," according to Huet's agent Stephen Bartlett.

» Rookie ace Stephen Strasburg of the Washington Nationals probably is headed back to the disabled list. Strasburg strained a tendon in his right forearm over the weekend, and Nationals manager Jim Riggleman said Monday the team would "proceed with caution" with the prized pitcher.

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Last-chance summer

What's on your pre-fall activity checklist?

By Alec Quig

There's nothing more annoying than a summer's-almost-over speech when beaches are still packed and 80-degree days are still in the forecast. But with Labor Day two weeks away, here's your fair warning: Soak up the sun while you can.

We hit the street to find out about your favorite summer excursions and what's still on your warm-weather checklists. Here are our favorites, along with a few suggestions to complete pre-fall to-dos. **ALEC QUIG PHOTOS FOR METROMIX.**



Alexandra Ionides

26, River North

What's the best thing you did this summer?

Cut Copy at Metro. It was awesome, and I love the Metro; I hadn't been since I was 16.

What do you still want to do before Labor Day?

Kayak the river.

Hitting the river? Kayak Chicago (1501 N. Magnolia Ave.) hosts a sunset paddle Sunday, no experience necessary. 7 p.m. \$50: kayakchicago.com



Mike Rammer

29, Lincoln Square

What's the best thing you did all summer?

Eating outside [at] Sheffield's (3258 N. Sheffield Ave.) and Small Bar (2956 N. Albany Ave.) in Logan Square; Revolution Brewing (2323 N. Milwaukee Ave.) with the windows open—it's like heaven. And the Bad Apple (4300 N. Lincoln Ave.). Their food and drinks are so good.

Going to Sheffield's? The Lakeview bar hosts a pizza-and-beer pairing Wednesday with Ian's Pizza. 7 p.m. \$30.



Alex Bermeo

25, Wicker Park

What's the best thing you did all summer?

Movies in the Parks at Grant Park. I love Grant Park. And of course, free concerts and all the street festivals.

Catching a Movie in the Parks?

See "The Goonies" Wednesday at River Park (5100 N. Francisco Ave.), "The Blind Side" Friday at Smith Playlot Park (9912 S. Princeton Ave.) and "Sherlock Holmes" Saturday at Rutherford Sayre Park (6871 W. Belden Ave.). Dusk. Free.



Lana Sytnik

22, Lakeview

What's the best thing you did all summer?

The free Millennium Park concerts. Especially the Books and Planet Earth Live.

Want to hear free outdoor music?

Local experimentalists Future Rock play a lunchtime concert Monday at Millennium Park. Noon. Free.



Dan Papas

22, Loop

What do you still want to do before summer ends?

Go to the Billy Goat Tavern (430 N. Michigan Ave. 700 E. Grand Ave) and order a cheezborger. And order a beer and a hot dog at Wrigley Field. And I want to take a Segway tour and run into someone. Actually, I want to hit a beautiful girl on the Segway and take her to the Signature Lounge (875 N. Michigan Ave.) for an apology drink.

Making a date at Signature Room at the 95th?

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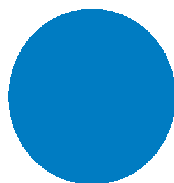
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2 Tuesdays on the Terrace

Museum of Contemporary Art,
220 E. Chicago Ave. 312-397-4010

Tatsu Aoki pays tribute to the
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3 SummerDance Festival

Grant Park, 601 S. Michigan Ave. 312-742-4007

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4 Chicago Sister Cities International Festival

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Dashing Cody Rhodes doesn't get asked to kiss during World Wrestling Entertainment broadcasts, so he didn't know what to expect on "Warehouse 13."

But his first on-camera kiss—with series star Joanne Kelly—definitely wasn't sexy.

"It wasn't the emotional, loving, two-souls-connecting type kiss," Rhodes told me during a phone chat last week from Marietta, Ga. "It was her with buffalo sauce all over her face and a half a cold buffalo wing in her mouth and us kind of slobbering on one another."

The WWE superstar explores his softer side in the episode "Merge with Caution," which airs at 8 p.m. Tuesday on Syfy. Rhodes guest stars as Kurt Smoller, the former star quarterback of the football team at Myka Bering's high school. Myka (Kelly) used to tutor Kurt and during their 10-year reunion, sparks fly when they meet again.

Rhodes said the biggest shock for him on set was that he and Kelly never talked about the kissing scene beforehand. He had an acting coach helping him with his scenes, and they discussed it. He and director Anton Cooper chatted about it. The actors rehearsed briefly, but without kissing. Then it came time to film the real thing.

"It was like riding a motorcycle blind, man," Rhodes said, adding that "it went smoothly, sans the buffalo sauce."

"The truth is, Joanne Kelly is such a beautiful woman that it's one of those moments that anyone, anyone doing it would really at least have to chuckle on the inside from the fact that, 'Gosh this is what I'm doing and I'm getting paid to do it,'" he said. "That's pretty great."

Despite the good time he had on set, and the fact that he'd be happy to reprise the Kurt Smoller role, Rhodes has no aspirations to get into acting like former WWE superstars The Rock, John Cena and Steve Austin, among others.

"I love what I do at the WWE and I'm just now starting to really get into my own stride," he said. "I'm only 25 and I'm going to be working for a pretty long time."

He'll get to do it on Syfy beginning Oct. 1, when WWE Friday Night SmackDown moves to the network with a two-hour block of wrestling. Rhodes said the move is a good one for all involved, and that fans should plan for a youthful, character-driven SmackDown with such superstars as McIntyre, Dolph Ziggler, Alberto Del Rio, CM Punk—"a really tremendous, tremendous list."

Don't expect any kissing, however. Even though a gentleman never kisses and tells, I had to ask Rhodes how, after that initial messy kiss between Kurt and Myka, the romantic kiss went.

"Oh, I'm no gentleman. I don't know if you've seen my work with the WWE, I'm no gentleman," he said. "Honest to God, it was one of the best kisses I can remember. It truly was."

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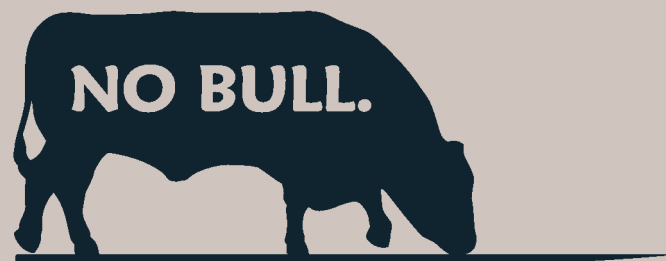
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- 4 Lopsided
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- 23 Verdana, Arial, Hobo
- 24 Coffee alternative
- 26 On fire
- 29 Tiny particle of matter with 2 or more atoms
- 34 Pinkish-cream color
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- 36 Writing instrument
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- 38 Snacks
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- 46 That woman
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- 48 Building wings
- 51 Of men
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- 57 Creek
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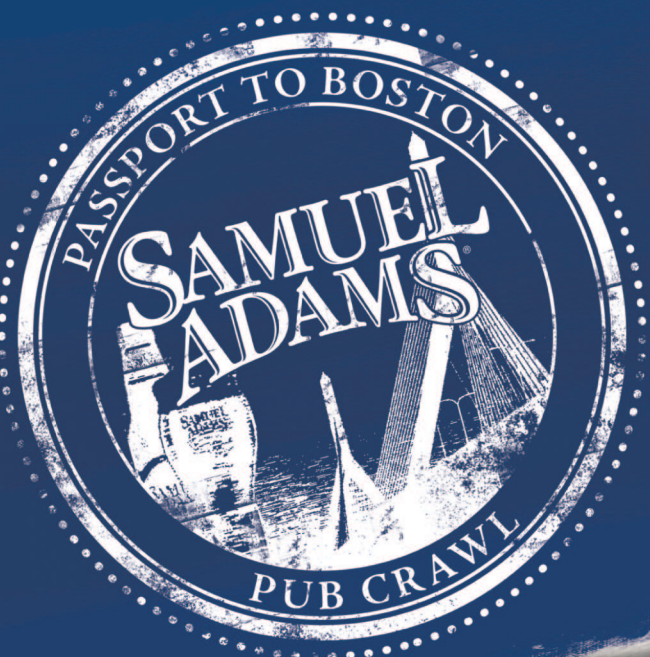
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Star summer

By Emily Rosenbaum Maka, RedEye

Summer is wrapping up and we all have had a pretty good time, but let's be honest, celebrities put us to shame. They had the kind of summer that slobs like you and me can only dream of enjoying. Let's put our summers up against the season of the stars to see just how pathetic our lives are by comparison. But keep in mind: Money can't buy you class.

We were cheek and jowl with our sweaty neighbors at Oak Street Beach during the Air and Water Show ...

We were getting elbowed during Lady Gaga's high-energy set at Lollapalooza ...

We were watching our cousin tie the knot in a simple sundress in the garden of her friend's house in Madison, Wis. ...

We were eating charred burgers and getting food poisoning from the potato salad at an awkward office barbecue ...

We were taking a canoe trip down the Des Plaines River with our parents ...

... while Paris Hilton was leaping off a yacht into the azure waters of St. Tropez, France.

... while "Gossip Girl" stars Ed Westwick and Jessica Szohr reportedly were racking up \$800 in room service at Chicago's Hard Rock Hotel during Lolla weekend.

... while Alicia Keys was saying her vows in a Vera Wang goddess dress and headpiece in Corsica, France.

... while Kim Kardashian and Justin Bieber were frolicking on a beach in the Bahamas for a photo shoot.

... while Elisabetta Canalis, George Clooney's sexy girlfriend, donned a thong bikini for a motorboat ride around Lake Como, Italy, where Clooney has a palatial home.



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It turns out great abs and quips can bring in lots of cash. Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino could earn up to \$5 million this year, according to The Hollywood Reporter. The "Jersey Shore" star is raking in close to \$60,000 per episode and \$15,000 to \$50,000 per event for appearances. He also has endorsement deals and will front a clothing line and a line of chewable supplements.



"The Situation" and his money-making abs.
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Killer shoes

Playing an immigration officer in "Machete," Jessica Alba wasn't set to have much to do in the action department. So Alba requested more from director Robert Rodriguez, who wrote, at her suggestion, a fight scene in which her character wields red Prada pumps. "I've always kind of fantasized about using them as a weapon because they kill my feet," she told Metromix's Matt Pais.



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Twin singers Namirajj, and Dwyane Wade

Sister act

Twin sister singing act Namirajj will appear on WGN's morning show Monday after winning Dwyane Wade's "Chicago Has Talent" show Saturday. But there's one place their b'balling benefactor, Wade, likely won't appear. "The Blue what," Wade responded to RedEye when asked about rumors he had been spotted on the Blue Line in July. "I haven't been on the 'L' in a long time," Wade said. "No, that wasn't me."
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Ferguson and Stonestreet

Lip shtick

Grab your Chapstick and pucker up—"Modern Family" stars Cam (Eric Stonestreet) and Mitchell (Jesse

Tyler Ferguson) will smooch next season, eonline.com reports. Show creator Steve Levitan said the "PDA" episode was planned long before the controversy erupted over the pair not kissing.

West's song initiative

These Good Fridays don't involve eating fish. Every Friday from now until Dec. 25, Kanye West will release a new song. "I'm calling it good Fridays. Y'all know every Friday y'all gone have a new joint from our family. We look at the game completely different now," West tweeted.

Blago's new character

Jon Stewart says he would love to see former Gov. Rod Blagojevich as a sad, sympathetic "Dickens character." Unfortunately, the host of "The Daily Show" told Blagojevich on Monday night, "you make it so hard." Stewart held Blago's feet to the fire, asking him, "Do you promise to take the stand the next time you're indicted?" Blago looked flummoxed under the barrage of questions but insisted the government has "no case." At the end of the interview, Stewart promised him: "If you get off scot-free, there's a hug waiting for you."